GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE TO RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh relating to construction of 235 Km. railway line between Delhi-Rajhara-Rajghat-Jagdalpur for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have accorded approval to the said proposal; and

(d) if not, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) No Madam. Railway projects do not require environmental clearance under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994. However, Madhya Pradesh Government had submitted a proposal for diversion of 259.54 hectare forest land for construction of Dalli-Rajhara-Rowghat-Jagdalpur railway line under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This proposal has been rejected on merit on 3.8.1999.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.